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Effective on 12/08/2004 Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).		Application Number	10/652,746
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		First Named Inventor	Watkins et al.
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims 22 -20 or HP= 2 x 50 = 100 **Fee Paid (\$)**

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims _____ - 3 or HP= 0 x _____ = 0 **Fee Paid (\$)**

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Examiner: Michael C. Miggins
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POLYMERS
Attorney Docket: 4022-000013

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Amendment

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 12, 2006, for which the three month statutory period for reply is set to expire on January 12, 2007. This reply is timely and no extension fees are due.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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